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SUBJ: EXIMBANK CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS IN URUGUAY

REF: 75 MONTEVIDEO 2305; 75 STATE 173842; 75 MONTEVIDEO 1277

DEPARTMENT FOR ARA/APU: SMITH AND BRAZEAL

ALSO FOR EXIMBANK: AMBACH, KINGSLEY, AND GIANTURCO

1. MONTEVIDEO REFTELS FORWARDED INFORMATION FOR EXIM USE IN CONSIDERING CATERPILLAR REQUEST FOR FINANCING COMMITMENT FOR LARGE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE BY GOU AND MUNICIPALITIES. EMBASSY HAS AGAIN BEEN APPROACHED BY URUGUAY'S CATERPILLAR DISTRIBUTOR, GENERAL MACHINERY CO. (GEMCOSA), WHO REPORT THAT OF THE TOTAL BID FOR PARTS, MACHINES AND VEHICLES, BRAZIL RECEIVED 83 PERCENT AND THE U.S. 11.6 PERCENT GEMCOSA, WHICH WILL SUPPLY MAJOR PORTION OF EQUIPMENT, STATES THAT "WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT THE \$10 MILLION PURCHASE WOULD HAVE GONE TO CATERPILLAR-PEORIA RATHER THAN CATERPILLAR-SAP PAULO HAD OTHER CONDITIONS BEEN EQUAL." GEMCOSA PRESENTED BIDS FOR THE SAME PRICE FOR CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT FROM BOTH THE US AND BRAZIL. THE LOCAL PREFERENCE IS FOR US MADE EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, WHILE BRAZIL OFFERED GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED FINANCING, WE DID NOT. US AWARDED THOSE ITEMS NOT MADE IN BRAZIL.

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VASEN, GEMCOSA PRESIDENT, IS TRAVELLING TO THE

US ON JANUARY 16 AND HOVES TO MEET NEXT WEEK WITH THE
ADDRESSEES THIS CABLE TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR EXIMBANK SUPPORT
FOR \$1.3 MILLION COVERING THE 11 PERCENT OF THE BID WHICH GEMCOSA
WILL SUPPLY FROM THE US.

3. EMBASSY URGES SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF GEMCOSA
AND CATERPILLAR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR US EXPORTS AND NOTES
THAT AMOUNT INVOLVED IS FAR LESS THAN ORIGINAL REQUEST, ONE OF
REASONS FOR ORIGINAL REFUSAL (STATE REFTEL).
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